

in the central portion of the Province of Pinar del Rio, and they selected the very best plant in all the fields which they visited. That seed was brought to the station and we have been keeping up selection of what we have considered to be the best plants, in order to propagate from them." (*Calvino*.)

48847 and 48848.

From Dunedin, New Zealand. Purchased from Nimmo & Blair, Ltd. Received December 5, 1919.

48847. PASPALUM RACEMOSUM Lam. Poaceæ.

Grass.

"A native of tropical America. Best adapted to moist or alluvial soils of the South. Grows from a rootstock, with rather coarse, tender stems and leaves, reaching a height of about 2 feet. Promising as a hay or pasture grass." (*C. V. Piper*.)

48848. STIPA ELEGANTISSIMA Labill. Poaceæ.

Grass.

"A native of Australia. Grows well in sandy soil. It has a plumelike spike 6 to 8 inches long, and is frequently used as an ornamental. The leaves are too narrow and stiff to make it of much value for stock, and its sharp-pointed seed with short, stiff reflexed hairs make it objectionable on sheep ranges, where it sometimes works its way through the wool, penetrates the skin, and sometimes even invades the internal organs." (*C. V. Piper*.)

Received as *S. pennata*; a misidentification.

48849 to 48859. HOLCUS SORGHUM L. Poaceæ.

Sorghum.

(*Sorghum vulgare* Pers.)

From Pretoria, Transvaal. Presented by Madame A. Dieterlen, through Dr. H. L. Shantz, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received December 6, 1919.

"(Nos. 125 to 133b. Seed from Leribe, Basutoland. Collected by Madame A. Dieterlen, French missionary.) Heads from a collection in the National Herbarium at Pretoria collected in Basutoland. A valuable collection accompanied by Basuto names of each variety, with Madame Dieterlen's numbers in parentheses." (*Shantz*.)

48849. "No. 125. (A. D. No. 641g. Collected in 1909.) Called by the natives *lejakane*; said to be degenerated Kafir corn. The word 'hojaka' means to leave one's country to go to another, or one's faith to adopt another. It is a name of derision given by the Basutos to those of their people who have adopted Christianity. They are no longer true or pure Basutos. Thus this grain, when mixed with other kinds, is no longer pure *mabêlê* (the generic name for Kafir corn) but a *lejakane*." (*Dieterlen*.)

48850. "No. 126. (A. D. No. 641b. Collected in 1908.) This variety is called by the natives *Letsoeyane*." (*Dieterlen*.)

48851. "No. 127. (A. D. No. 641a. Collected in 1908.) Generic native name, *mabêlê*; this particular variety is called *Kobo-Khola*, *Kokobala*, or *Seboeane*." (*Dieterlen*.)

48852. "No. 128. (A. D. No. 641b. Collected in 1908.) Called by the natives *Letsoeyane*." (*Dieterlen*.)

48853. "No. 129. (A. D. No. 698.) Height 5 to 7 feet. Flowers summer to autumn. Cultivated by the Basutos. Native name *ntsoe*. The sweet stem is chewed. A preparation of this and *Erigeron canadense*